

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Thank you for your patience and your continued patience as we seek the right times to resume certain church activities. At least for the time being, we'll continue to just meet for Sunday mornings and maintain the same precautions that are currently in place.

The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m. Facemasks will be required. If you do not bring your own, one will be provided for you. The facemasks are to be worn at all times during the service apart from taking the cup and bread during the Lord's Supper. The service will be shortened in length.

Regarding the Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you as you come into the foyer. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a contribution plate where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

Water fountains, hallways, and classrooms will be off limits for the time being. Restrooms will remain open in the foyer, but we encourage you to refrain from using them if possible. Each family must sit together, and there has to be 6 feet or more distance from the next person or family.

Once service is finished, we will dismiss starting from the back and working towards the front, going section by sections. Please do not gather around in the foyer. As usual, follow CDC recommendations.

For those still worshipping from home, please visit our YouTube channel at 10:00 am for a live stream of the service.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is "The Wisdom Of God" (based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Steve will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Sunday evenings 5:30-6:30 PM - Bible Study led by Jim Robbins. Contact him for details.

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

Every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM - Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM - Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger. Contact him for details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4198	\$4844
Designated:	\$25	\$83

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos, Luis Valdez



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The Wolf Will Live With the Lamb

(& A Hippopotamus With A Tortoise)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding. - Isaiah 11:1-2

Jesus came from above, a Branch who produces the fruit of the Spirit in every season, and the Spirit of the Lord rested on him as a Dove. Jesus was full of the Spirit and full of understanding and compassion and mercy, and he calls us to walk humble and reverently before our God. And Jesus looks beyond outward appearances, for he looks at our hearts, *He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears (Isaiah 11:3).*

Jesus came to bring compassion and mercy to a hardened, merciless world; he came to bring reconciliation and closeness between us and our Heavenly Father, and he brings harmony among those who seek him with our hearts, a peace that only God can bring - *The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat. - Isaiah 11:6*

In nature, there are occasional examples of animals from different species helping one another, though generally out of a common need or for mutual self-interest. When nature writer Jennifer S. Holland saw examples from time-to-time that seemed purely out of kindness or friendship, she collected them in a book, "Unlikely Friendships".

In one example, an orphaned baby hippopotamus was taken to a wildlife sanctuary, where the hippo sought protection from a large, 130-year old Aldabra tortoise. Soon they become close friends, following each other everywhere, and developing their own ways to communicate. Similarly, God renews our minds when we follow Jesus instead of following the world's ways, and he brings us together as he makes each of us part of the body of Jesus. *The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. - Isaiah 11:9*

These friendships were formed in wildlife refuges and other places where they had freedom and safety (and they included an elephant with a sheep, and a trio with a rhino, a warthog, and a hyena), so Holland consulted some biologists and learned that, "Where constraints are relaxed, where the animals aren't fighting for their basic needs, this allows their emotional energy to flow elsewhere."

God has more than enough grace and understanding and kindness to meet everyone's deepest needs; he gives us refuge and frees us from the world's conflicts and rivalries, so we can care and help and comfort one another as we face this world's problems and joys. Just as Jennifer's book describes many unusual friendships, God has gathered us from the ends of the earth - *He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. - Isaiah 11:12*

Each of us is a sheep who needs a shepherd, with the same need for meaning and spiritual care, so Jesus came to be our Shepherd, our friend, who is always with us to comfort us and guide us.

- Mark Garner

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

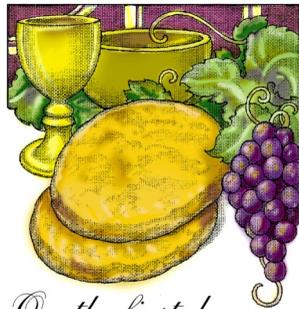
Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes, and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

- Mary Artemisia Lathbury (1841-1913)



*On the first day
of the week we
came together to
break bread.*

Acts 20:7

God Is Nearer To Us Than We Think

God does not ask much of us, merely a thought of Him from time to time, a little act of adoration, sometimes to ask for His grace, sometimes to offer Him your sufferings, at other times to thank Him for the graces, past and present, He has bestowed on you, in the midst of your troubles to take solace in Him as often as you can. Lift up your heart to Him during your meals and in company; the least little remembrance will always be the most pleasing to Him. One need not cry out very loudly; He is nearer to us than we think.

- Brother Lawrence
(1614-1691)

The Lord Will Be Our Guide

We never know what a new day or a new week may hold, yet the Lord our living God will be our guide. Whatever tomorrow may bring, our Heavenly Father will be with us and will guide us each step. This summer, some of Northland's members will be writing about what this means to them. This week, Dot Duncan writes about the many ways God can guide us.

God Will Guide You With His Eye

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.
- Psalm 32:8, NKJV*

I have attended many banquets; however, one specifically stands out. A person standing across the room caught my attention, then I noticed him giving a nod and a look to the other servers. This signaled the serving of the first course.

It was obvious the servers had learned these cues and trusted him to guide them through the meal. For each course was served with accuracy. They never made a move without waiting and watching for his cue.

The head server never left his position nor was a word ever spoken. He guided them with his eyes. This subtle interaction probably went unnoticed by many of the dinner guests; however, this experience is etched in my mind.

Remembering the experience reminds me of the ways God instruct and teach us how to live for Him daily. He does this in many ways. Below are three I find most comforting:

- 1) **His word**- God's word is filled with His love for mankind, what pleases Him, His plan for salvation, etc.
- 2) **Prayer**-He has not forgotten we live in a world where we need practical solutions to everyday problems, therefore, He has given us access to Him 24/7.
- 3) **The Holy Spirit living in us**- knowing that He could not remain in the flesh; Jesus promised a Helper, Counselor and a Teacher. The Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth (John 14:15-25). He empowers us to live a holy life. He only asks us to trust and obey Him. Similarly, to the interaction between the head server and the servers; if we take the time to learn and submit to God ways (learn His cues) He will guide us in the way we should go. He will guide you with His eye.

- Dot Duncan